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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION -- 33RD SESSION

REFS: (A) STATE 24394; (B) STATE 13714 NOTAL;
(C) STATE 14574 NOTAL; (D) GENEVA 412 NOTAL;
(E) USUN 152 NOTAL

1. THE FONOFF WELCOMED THE INFORMATION IN STATE 24394 CONCERNING THE EMPHASIS AND DIRECTIONS THAT THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION INTENDS TO FOLLOW IN THE FIELD OF HUMAN RIGHTS. THE FRG LOOKS FORWARD TO CLOSER CONSULTATIONS WITH US. GIVEN THE IMMINENT SESSION OF THE HRC, THE FONOFF BELIEVES OUR CONSULTATIONS AND COORDINATION CAN BEST TAKE PLACE IN GENEVA IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE. IT WOULD LIKE, HOWEVER, TO CONSULT EARLIER AND IN MORE DEPTH WITH US THAN HAS BEEN THE CASE IN THE PAST, AND BELIEVES PREPARATIONS FOR THE ECOSOC COUNCIL MEETING THIS SPRING WOULD BE A GOOD OCCASION TO MAKE THIS EXTRA EFFORT.

2. AT GENEVA, THE FRG WOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE ATTENTION PAID TO VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS ON THE PART OF COMMUNIST STATES. THE GERMANS OBJECT AS STRONGLY AS WE DO TO THE CONSPIRACY OF SILENCE SURROUNDING THESE VIOLATIONS. THE FONOFF SUGGESTS THAT A WAY BE FOUND
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TO INVESTIGATE COMPLAINTS MADE TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL, WHICH HAVE RISEN FROM 10,000 TO 50,000 SINCE HELSINKI.

3. ANOTHER CENTRAL POINT OF THE HRC SESSION SHOULD BE IMPROVEMENT OF 1503 PROCEDURES. THE FONOFF RECOMMENDS USING THE UK DRAFT RESOLUTION AS A STARTING POINT. ATTENTION TO AMNESTY FOR POLITICAL PRISONERS, EVEN-HANDED TREATMENT OF CHILE, AND AVOIDANCE OF CONTENTION ON SOUTHERN AFRICA ARE ALL PRIORITY GOALS OF THE FRG. THE GERMAN POSITION ON THESE THREE ISSUES PARALLELS THE POSITIONS OUTLINED IN STATE 13714.

4. AS FOR TACTICS, THE FONOFF PREFERS TO WORK FOR STEP-BY-STEP PROGRESS. IN THIS CONNECTION, IT WANTS

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TO AVOID OVER-STATEMENT OF WESTERN POSITIONS WHICH COULD BE COUNTER PRODUCTIVE. IT BELIEVES THE WEST SHOULD STATE ITS POSITIONS FORTHRIGHTLY, BUT NOT TO THE POINT OF MAKING COMPROMISE OR AGREEMENT IMPOSSIBLE. IF A VOTE LOOKS HOPELESS, THE FRG HOPES THE WEST WILL "FLY ITS FLAG" RATHER THAN ACCEPT THE RESULTS LYING DOWN. THE FRG DEL WILL HAVE A FAIR DEGREE OF TACTICAL FLEXIBILITY.

5. A PROBLEM IS LOOMING, HOWEVER, IN THE ELECTION OF WEO CANDIDATES. THE FONOFF REITERATED THE FRG'S INTEREST IN REELECTION. IT REGARDS FRANCE AND THE US AS ENTITLED TO SEATS BY VIRTUE OF THEIR PERMANENT SEATS ON THE SECURITY COUNCIL. IT UNDERSTANDS THAT, IN ADDITION TO ITS OWN CANDIDACY FOR THE ONE REMAINING WEO SEAT, AUSTRALIA, THE NETHERLANDS, PORTUGAL, GREECE, AND ITALY ARE ALL INTERESTED. THERE HAS BEEN NO AGREEMENT ON CANDIDATES REACHED WITHIN THE EC AND IT LOOKS AS IF AGREEMENT MAY NOT BE POSSIBLE.

6. THE LEADER OF THE FRG DEL IS GERHARD JAHN, FORMER MINISTER OF JUSTICE. BIOGRAPHIC DATA ARE IN THE NEXT PARAGRAPH. MERKEL FROM NEW YORK AND HILLGENBERG FROM GENEVA WILL BE NUMBER 2 AND 3 RESPECTIVELY.

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7. JAHN BIO: BORN 1927 IN KASSEL, HAS PLAYED A PROMINENT ROLE IN SPD POLITICS SINCE HE JOINED THE PARTY IN 1949. JAHN'S BUNDESTAG CAREER AS AN SPD FLOOR MANAGER AND MEMBER OF THE LEGAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REFLECTS HIS LEGAL TRAINING AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MARBURG. A SUPPORTER OF THE FRG'S PRO-WESTERN ORIENTATION, JAHN IS PERSONALLY FRIENDLY TOWARDS THE US AND HAS A SPECIAL INTEREST IN ISRAEL. HE WAS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE GERMAN-ISRAELI FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY UNTIL HIS APPOINTMENT AS PARLIAMENTARY STATE SECRETARY IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY IN 1967. IN 1969 JAHN WAS APPOINTED FEDERAL MINISTER OF JUSTICE, A POST HE CONTINUED TO HOLD UNTIL MAY 1974. AS MINISTER OF JUSTICE HE CARRIED

THROUGH A REFORM AND MODERNIZATION OF THE GERMAN
CRIMINAL CODE. JAHN'S ENGLISH IS ONLY FAIR.
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